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TECHNOLOGY MISSION TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced a scheme viz `Technology Mission` to promote Horticulture in the North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the scheme is likely to strengthen marketing, transport, financing and cold storage at the farmer`s land;

(d) the guidelines issued to the State Governments to effectively implement the said schemes for the benefit of farmers;

(e) whether there are any proposal for the promotion of Horticulture in NER under consideration of the Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated for the purpose;
(g) the details of areas brought under Horticulture in NER during the last three years;
(h) the funds spent thereon during the said period; and
(i) the target fixed for the promotion of Horticulture in each North-Eastern States during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government of India, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation isimplementing since 2001-02, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim`.The Mission has a structure of four Mini Missions. Mini Mission-I for research and technology development,coordinated and implemented by Indian Council of Agricultural Research; Mini Mission-II forproduction and productivity, coordinated and implemented by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation; Mini Mission-III for post-harvest management and marketing coordinated byDepartment of Agriculture & Cooperation and implemented by National Horticulture Board andDirectorate of Market Intelligence and Mini Mission-IV for processing, coordinated and implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing Industry.

The Mission mode approach through four Mini Missions is to ensure development ofhorticulture in the region with an end-to-end approach in an integrated manner in order to address all the issues of production, post-harvest management, storages, value addition, processing and marketing.

(e): The aforesaid Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture in North-EasternRegion is comprehensively taking care of all aspects of Horticulture Development in the regionand, therefore, at present the Government has no proposal under consideration to initiate any new scheme.

(f): The question does not arise.

(g) to
(i): The Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North- Eastern States including Sikkim is under implementation since 2001-02. Based on the action plans of the States concerned, an area of 11592 hec. has been brought under horticultural crops in NER during 2001-02.Funds amounting to Rs.67.25 crores have been spent during this period.For the year 2002-03, an allocation of Rs.120.00 crores has been made for the Mission.The programmes for implementation also include covering of additional area of 25000 hec. under horticultural crops in the region during the year.